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ANNIVERSARY
NORTHERN
LODGE
Nº 25
F.&A.M.





Yours fraternally,
E. Stewart.

EDWARD STEWART.

Master's Announcement

SINCE the evening of Thursday, April the seventh, 1853, when the gavel of the Worshipful Master proclaimed the opening of Northern Lodge, for the first time, many things of importance to Masonry, as well as to society in general, have occurred.

The floodlight of time, focused on the intervening period, reveals the changes that religion, education and science, in fact, every line of endeavor, have brought about.

The civil conflict which the country passed through shortly after the institution of Northern Lodge, did much to eliminate religious intolerance and reinstate secret societies in the public favor that they had enjoyed in former times.

The educational system of the country has been greatly strengthened, making for a higher average of learning than existed in 1853.

Science and invention have lightened the burdens and increased the pleasures of man, to an extent unbelievable seventy-five years ago.

After the ban on secret organizations had been lifted, about the year 1852, fraternal societies greatly increased. Freemasonry, to my mind, from every angle, has taken the lead over every other organization. Today, in the State of New Jersey alone, there are more than ninety thousand Masons.

The records of Northern Lodge show that from the small beginning in '53, when eight Master Masons asked for and received the charter, by virtue of which our Lodge was instituted, more than twenty-two hundred men have signed the roll of, and affiliated themselves with Northern, among whom were a number of men of local and national prominence. Our present membership of eleven hundred and seventy gives us the distinction of being the second largest Lodge in the grand jurisdiction of New Jersey.

We are especially pleased to give the place of honor in this Anniversary Issue to six of our active members, who joined previous to our Twenty-fifth Anniversary:—Brother Matthew Dunlap, '69; Brother Aaron W. Miller, '71; Brother Alexander Mungle, '76; Worshipful Brother Moses J. DeWitt, '78; Brother Charles E. Wilson, '78, and Worshipful Brother Thomas P. Watt, '78.

The anniversary of this Thursday in April, '53, which means so much to Northern Lodge, must be appropriately celebrated. Arrangements are about completed for a special communication to be held on Saturday evening, April the seventh. The Past Masters of the Lodge will occupy the several stations, wearing the dress of the period and representing, as nearly as possible, the officers serving at the first meeting. Elsewhere in this issue you will find further reference to this occasion. The Master expects a large attendance at the communications during April, and especially asks that you attend your birthday celebration on the seventh.

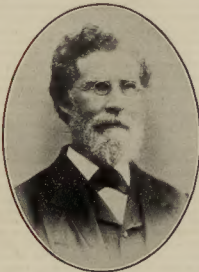
WILLIAM A. ADAMS,

Worshipful Master.

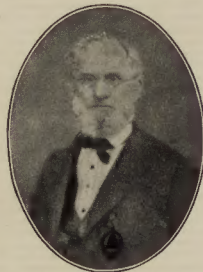
Brief History of Northern Lodge.

THIS great and prosperous Newark of ours, full grown, lusty and highly esteemed wherever she is known throughout the world, was a comparatively small city when Northern Lodge was instituted. Franklin Pierce was President of the United States, George Fort was Governor of New Jersey, and James M. Quinby was Mayor of the City of Newark. In 1853, Newark had a population of 42,000 souls, and fifteen hotels to accommodate visitors to town.

In those days our public parks were fenced in to keep stray cattle from browsing therein and the chief object of interest to the stranger in town was the incline plane that extended and still extends from Plane Street to beyond High Street. In place of the palatial trolley car and buses with their magnificent distances between trips and their gymnasium equipment whereby passengers can show their agility of keeping on their feet with the help of overhead straps, were snail creeping stages that carried the citizens to and from their homes.



LEVI H. SANDFORD
CHARTER MEMBER



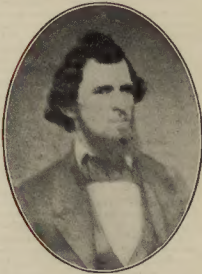
JOHN R. CROCKETT
CHARTER MEMBER

The light of those days was furnished by the same old sun, moon and stars of this time, and by candles and whale oil lamps. In 1853, the mud in the streets was a little thicker and more bountifully spread than now; but it was the pure stuff. At the time Northern Lodge was instituted, everybody in Newark knew everybody else, and everybody's else's business and discussed it in its premises and various ramifications.

(Right here there might be a little cheerful conversation about the vast improvement in that respect; how many more "old ladies" of both sexes, there are today).

Seventy-five years ago when one of our citizens went abroad in this country, or across the sea, he proudly registered in the hotel as a resident of "Newark, N. J." and not from New York, as one has already said, "because he might be set down as an insurance agent, or a politician," with which the "Industrial City" abounds.

Opposite Northern Lodge room, at the junction of Broad and Orange Streets, stood a pump. Here the thirsty man and beast quenched their thirsts with nature's pure nectar. Distributed throughout the city were other pumps that drew their inspiration from the cooling depths of mother earth, a refreshing and invigorating tonic.



DENNIS W. MORRIS
CHARTER MEMBER



JOHN GARSIDE
CHARTER MEMBER

In 1853, the streets of Newark, at night, presented a gloom as deep as the darkened conscience of a bank wrecker. Lamp posts were few and far between, and the light shed through the tall four-sided glass box at their apex, was furnished by a whale oil lamp set therein. Instead of policemen were constables to patrol the streets and preserve the peace of the community.

When the fire bell on the Market building belched forth its warning, everyone responded with the firemen, to witness the spectacular display of the fire fiends, and volunteers on the "rope" attached to the hand engines, were many, and so at a fire when the firemen became exhausted with their work, ready hands took their turn at the side bars that pumped water onto the flames. All that was seventy-five years ago. Time has wrought many changes in the manner and "get up" of the "something doing."

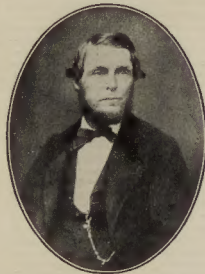
Northern Lodge was started right. Its first Worshipful Master was Edward T. Hillyer, a lawyer, whose office was at

118 (old number) Broad Street, now No. 565. The Senior Warden was John R. Crockett, an oiled silk manufacturer, at 32 Mill Street, now Seventh Avenue; and the Junior Warden, Dennis W. Morris, who conducted the malleable iron business at 25 Orange Street. The strong hand of the law, the silken tie that binds never so lightly but tightly, and the band of iron that holds all firmly together, were behind Northern in its infancy. The child thus protected, must needs grow firm and strenuous.

Nearly twelve hundred of the flower, youth and strength of Newark and vicinity, is represented in the membership of Northern Lodge. Who says that Northern is not the leader of the leaders in New Jersey Masonry?



ISRAEL EAGLES
CHARTER MEMBER



ALEXANDER EAGLES
CHARTER MEMBER

On the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Northern Lodge, it was very fittingly said:

"We are members of a lodge whose fifty years of growth and prosperity and whose hoary locks, have given it a distinguished position in the great family of Free Masonry. If you will but study the family tree from which this lodge has sprung, you will discover an undisputed inheritance of longevity. As another well said 'Great Institutions, like great rivers, have their origin in sources far removed from ordinary observation.' This is magnificently true of Masonry. Out of the labyrinth of the past, deep in the tangled forest of oblivion, high up among the rugged mountain peaks of the ages, is yet to be found the spring or springs from whence this great river has had its source; so far back, indeed, that no historian has ever been able to trace its origin.

"Free Masonry is not simply one of the many existing societies whose chief end is social delight and mutual good fellowship. Its spirit and purpose commend it as the most dignified and comprehensive of all human brotherhoods. It is not a clinging vine, but a sturdy oak, rooted in the ground of many centuries and spreading wide its branches over all the earth. It is an institution in which men of all stations in life have gladly affiliated, Kings have descended from their thrones to stand, with their subjects, upon one common ground of brotherhood. Popes have gladly given it their benediction, Presidents have frequented its lodge rooms and mingled with the humblest citizens; here rich and poor have met together and acknowledged God to be the maker of them all. In spirit it is, or should be, deeply religious. It takes man at what he is and endeavors to make him what he should be. It lays hold upon the barren and self-centred heart and seeks to make its desert blossom as the rose. All the streams of human interest, speech and activity, are made tributary to the one great river of Divine purpose, whose waters alone can make fertile the human soul."

The Charter was granted January 12th, 1853, and signed by Edward Stewart, Most Worshipful Grand Master, whose picture appears in this edition, and Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary. The following names were affixed to Northern's petition: Edward T. Hillyer, John R. Crockett, Dennis W. Morris, Levi H. Sanford, John Garside, (afterward Deputy Grand Master); Nicholas W. Rutan, Alexander Eagles and Israel Eagles, whose pictures appear in this edition, except Edward T. Hillyer, first Worshipful Master, and Nicholas W. Rutan, whose photographs we were unable to secure.

The first Officers of the Lodge were: Edward T. Hillyer, Worshipful Master; John R. Crockett, Senior Warden; Dennis W. Morris, Junior Warden; Israel C. Eagles, Secretary; Levi H. Sanford, Treasurer; Alexander Eagles, Senior Deacon, and Nicholas W. Rutan, Junior Deacon.

At the time of the organization of Northern Lodge, there were but three lodges in Newark, viz.: St. John's, No. 1; Newark, No. 7, and Diogenes No. 22.

The early history of the lodge was not very promising. However, ten years after its institution, Northern had a membership of one hundred and nine. Twenty-five years after its founding, in 1878, the membership had increased to one hundred and ninety-eight, and on our fiftieth anniversary Northern had increased her actual membership to four hundred and sixty-six, and today we can boast of a membership of eleven hundred and seventy, which makes it the second largest Masonic organization in the State.

Among the members who were conspicuous in the work of the lodge since its founding, was Levi H. Sanford, one of the organizers and the first Treasurer. Brother Sanford was Worshipful Master for five terms and a member who believed in and applied the principles of the fraternity. He died suddenly on a railroad train on April 2, 1896, at the ripe age of seventy-six.

Another name of the early years is that of Benjamin F. Crane, who was raised August 25, 1853, and died February 1, 1897. Brother Crane was Junior Deacon in 1854.

Brother George M. Robeson, former Secretary of the Navy, was another prominent member of the Lodge. He was raised November 21, 1853.

A name to be held in reverence is that of John U. Kumerle, who as Secretary, served the Lodge for thirty-seven years, and who was one of the best known Masons in the State.

Probably the best known in Masonic circles of the older members of the lodge was Past Master William Mead, the compiler of "Mead's Ritual," which is in use at the present day. Brother Mead was Grand Lecturer of the State for many years.

The first oldest living member of Northern Lodge is Matthew Dunlap, who was admitted May 25, 1869.

The second oldest living member is Aaron W. Miller, who was admitted June 12, 1871.

The third oldest living member is Alexander Mungle, who was admitted October 9, 1876.

The fourth oldest living member is Moses J. DeWitt, who was admitted February 25, 1878.

The fifth oldest living member is Charles E. Wilson, who was admitted April 8, 1878.

The sixth oldest living member is Thomas P. Watt, who was admitted June 3, 1878.

All having been for over fifty (50) years honored members of Northern Lodge.

Brother Aaron Miller is a regular attendant at every communication. Brothers DeWitt and Watt drop in occasionally.

Northern Lodge has had four places of abode. The first meeting room was at 89 Broad Street (old number) now No. 478; second, at 90 Broad Street (old number), now No. 481; third, at 83 Broad Street (old number), now No. 472, and on May 22, 1922, the present quarters were first occupied, which, with out doubt, is one of the most chaste and beautifully appointed lodge rooms in the State.

Long live Northern Lodge and the spirit which breathes through her institutions.

"We live in deeds, not years; in thoughts, not breaths; in feelings, not in figures on the dial."

"He most lives who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best."

(To be continued)



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Communications: First, Third and Fifth Mondays
NORTHERN LODGE ROOM, MASONIC CLUB
Broad St. and Third Ave., Newark, N. J.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Committees:

The Committees having in charge our SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY, to which more names will be added as required, are as follows:

GENERAL CHAIRMAN

Alfred G. Cardwell

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Alfred G. Cardwell	Chairman
Alfred L. Swain	Secretary
Alfred Sykes	Treasurer
William A. Adams	Ex-officio

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

Rev. Percy T. Olton	Chairman
Rev. John F. Hamblin	Fred C. Squire
Rev. Oscar E. Braune	Walter L. Cox
Rev. Benj. F. Dickisson	Harry Housel

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

George W. Herlich	Chairman
Leroy Brant	Henry F. Kleinfeldt
Percy S. Boughton	Marcus A. Wertz

SOUVENIR COMMITTEE

Harry W. Reilly	Chairman
Henry F. Kleinfeldt	

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Harry Housel	Chairman
Thomas R. Pascall	Fred C. Squire
William Gay	

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

T. Newton Southerland	Chairman
Alfred S. Donaldson	Henry Baechlin

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE

Ernest A. Reed	Chairman
Moses J. DeWitt	Howard Isherwood
Jacob C. Reiss	Aaron Miller
George W. Davis	

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George A. Wilkinson	Chairman
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Harry LeGrand Perry	George Storminger

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BANQUET COMMITTEE

Bertram A. Ham	Chairman
Wm. G. Knowles	Orson W. Francisco
Richard Yuill	George W. Davis

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George W. Herlich	Chairman
Winton C. Garrison	Harry Heyboer
T. Austin Baldwin	George A. Wilkinson
Percy S. Boughton	

SEATING COMMITTEE

Frank E. Davenport	Chairman
Herman Lehlbach	Frank Rose

In Memoriam

WILLIAM J. BRANDS, P. M.

Affiliated February 18, 1895.
Raised by Supreme Grand Master, March 5, 1928.
Served as Junior Warden, 1902-1909.
Served as Senior Warden, 1904.
Served as Worshipful Master, 1905.

WILLIAM MILLIGAN.

Entered, May 8, 1922.
Passed, September 18, 1922.
Raised November 13, 1922.
Raised by Supreme Grand Master,
March 7, 1928.

GEORGE A. BLANCHARD

Entered, July 3, 1905.
Passed, September 25, 1905.
Raised, October 30, 1905.
Raised by Supreme Grand Master,
March 31, 1928.

HISTORICAL PAGEANT.

Saturday, April 7th, 1928, will mark the actual 75th Anniversary of Northern Lodge, for on April 7th, 1853, the Officers and members of the new lodge assembled for the first time and inaugurated the long series of Masonic meetings, crowded with work and good fellowship, that have extended down to the present day.

A fitting celebration of this historic first assembly will be held in the Lodge Room on Saturday, April 7th, at 7:30 P. M. On that occasion the Past Masters of Northern Lodge will present an Historical Pageant, in which they will endeavor to reproduce in facial appearance, dress, action and every other way, the exact scene of an initiation of seventy-five years ago.

At this time Brother F. C. Alexander LeRoy Wickham will be raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason.

Through the courtesy of Brother Robert A. Alberts, Potentate of Salaam Temple, A. A. O. N. M. S., additional interest and pleasure will be provided by the famous Shrine Chanters.

Every member of Northern Lodge should be on hand at this event, which is unique in the annals of Masonry in New Jersey. Master Masons of other lodges are welcome.

Those taking part in the Historical Pageant and the early members of Northern Lodge, whom they represent, are as follows:

Rt. Wor. Bro. Harry Housel, in the East, representing Edward T. Hillyer.
Wor. Bro. Martin L. Cox, in the West, representing John R. Crockett.
Wor. Bro. Herman B. Lehlbach, in the South, representing Dennis W. Morris.

Rt. Wor. Bro. George W. Davis, as Secretary, representing Israel C. Eagles.
Wor. Bro. T. Newton Southerland, as Treasurer, representing Levi H. Sandford.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Jacob C. Reiss, as Senior Deacon, representing Alexander Eagles.

Wor. Bro. Frank E. Davenport, as Junior Deacon, representing Nicholas W. Rutan.

Wor. Bro. Alfred S. Donaldson, as Senior Master of Ceremonies.

Wor. Bro. Fred C. Squire, as Junior Master of Ceremonies.

Rt. Wor. Bro. Howard Isherwood, Senior Steward.

Wor. Bro. Henry Kleinfeldt, Junior Steward.

Bro. Frederick A. Pollock, Chaplain.

Wor. Bro. T. Austen Baldwin, Marshal.

Wor. Bro. Charles C. Wertz, Seafaring Man.

Craftsmen—Bros. Alfred L. Swain, Samuel Skiff, Philip Davett, George Coffin, Sidney Thornton, John Neefus, Frederick Perry, John De Mars, Walter Koelhoeffer.

Wor. Bro. Harry LeGrand Perry, South Gate.

Wor. Bro. George W. Herlich, West Gate.

Wor. Bro. Thomas R. Pascall, East Gate.

Wor. Bro. Harry Heyboer, First Traveller.

Wor. Bro. Harry W. Reilly, Second Traveller.

Wor. Bro. Alfred G. Cardwell, Third Traveller.

Most Wor. Bro. Ernest A. Reed, Lecture.

Bro. John P. S. Lower, Tyler.

Seventy-fifth Anniversary Celebration of Northern Lodge

Number 25



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Sunday Evening, November 11th, 1928

RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

IN OUR LODGE ROOM



Monday Evening, November 12th, 1928

HISTORICAL LECTURE

AND DISTRIBUTION OF SOUVENIRS TO OUR MEMBERS



Thursday, November 15th, 1928

ENTERTAINMENT AND DANCE

KRUEGER'S AUDITORIUM

BELMONT AVENUE NEWARK, N. J.

MORE COMPLETE DETAILS REFERRING
TO THESE EVENTS WILL APPEAR IN
THE SUCCEEDING ISSUES OF
NORTHERN LIGHT

Calendar of Work for April, 1928.

MONDAY APRIL 2, 7:30 P. M.

Stated Communication
Fellowcraft Degree

Bro. E. A. SAMUEL A. TURNER
The degree will be conferred by
J. W. Percy S. Boughton.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7, 7:30 P. M.

(Birthday Celebration)
Special Communication
Master Mason Degree

Bro. ALEX. LeROY WICKHAM

The degree will be conferred by
the Past Masters of Northern Lodge

FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 8:00 P. M.

District Lodge of Instruction

In charge of R. W. Bro. W. Stanley Naughtright. All officers are expected to be present. Members are cordially invited to attend.

MONDAY, APRIL 16, 7:30 P. M.

Stated Communication
Entered Apprentice Degree

MR. ALBERT KAY SMITH
MR. FREDERICK GRIFFITH

MONDAY, APRIL 30, 7:30 P. M.

Stated Communication
Fellowcraft Degree

Bro. DAVID GOLDBERG
Bro. MAURICE SCOPP

PETITIONS

to be acted upon during the month of
April:

CHARLES KOFFMAN

Age 41. Occupation—Ironworker.
Place of Birth—Newark, N. J.
Place of Business—302 Coit Street, Irvington, N. J.
Place of Residence—24 Vermont Avenue.

Recommended by—Bros. A. George Storminger and John F. Dey.
Committee—Bros. LeRoy Brant, Byron B. Thompson and Raymond A. Smith.

ALBERT CHRISTIAN ZELLMAN

Age 21. Occupation—Clerk.
Place of Birth—Newark, N. J.
Place of Residence—46 Rosehill Road, Irvington, N. J.
Place of Business—N. J. Bell Telephone Company.

Recommended by—Bros. Charles H. Schauner and William H. Eggers.
Committee—Bros. Henry Godshall, Emil Huber and Robert Van Riper.

RALPH MALLORY PERRY

Age 30. Occupation—Architect.
Place of Birth—Westfield, Mass.
Place of Residence—146 South 9th St.
Place of Business—80 Park Place, Newark, N. J.

Recommended by—Bros. Austin H. McCully and Erwin F. Alstein.
Committee—Bros. George Reihing, Alonzo F. Stackhouse and Frank V. Reynolds.

ROYAL JACKSON HALL

Age 31. Occupation—Advertising.
Place of Birth—Bayonne, N. J.
Place of Residence—269 Ralph Street, Belleville, N. J.
Place of Business—25 Park Place, New York City.

Recommended by—Bros. Charles W. Sands and William H. Slater.
Committee—Bros. Marcus E. Wertz, Floyd F. Bragg and Wm. C. Knowles.

CURTIS ARMS HAINES

Age 30. Occupation—Engineer.
Place of Birth—Waterbury, Vermont.
Place of Residence—25 North 7th Street.
Place of Business—40 17th Avenue.

Recommended by—Bros. Herman E. Mendes and Wm. R. Robinson.
Committee—Bros. Sidney Thornton, Geo. R. Sommer and August J. Scholtz.
For Waiver of Territorial Jurisdiction—Request of Bayonne Lodge, No. 99:

WALTER LEE CLARKSON

Age 29. Occupation—Salesman.
Place of Birth—Newark, N. J.
Place of Business—83 Peddie Street.
Committee—Bros. Max Musaeus, Walter F. Wolper and John Breunig, Jr.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Sunday, May 6th, has been selected for the Annual Visit to the Masonic Home at Burlington, N. J. Bros. George Wilkinson and Percy Boughton are in charge of arrangements. The committee would appreciate a large delegation.

An invitation has been received from Ideal Court, No. 31, Order of Amaranth, to attend Master Mason's Night on the evening of Thursday, April 12th, at 445 Broad Street.

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